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May Heaven best gifts
be bestowed upon you - You
especially be
life, protection from all harm
in the midst of danger

At the on in bed - I write hurriedly
to send off early in the
AM.

Yours as ever truly
No. 1. 1887

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[Apr 29, '78]

Santa Barbara Apr 29/78

My dear friend Mary

Your letter of the
25th rec'd to night & right gladly for
I had expected you were among
Earth, Grandeur & Sublimity ^{scenery}
I think Aesthetics may be added
too in glorious outlines & in
microscopic life & crystalization

You will leave in a few weeks
for Nevada - How long? &
when will you be back in S.F.
again? My sister has been very sick
so I would have been in S.F. before
this - She is not well although able to
be up once more about her house
I know she is liable to be prostrated
again as she is not perfectly cured
I intend Providence permitting
to be in Misses. in Sept or Oct. if
this sister sh be well enough
Have you published a book yet?

I want to see you & have a
good long talk with you - I am
curious to know how the
Anti-Glacier Society feel
towards the article on that subject
in the Harper's (?) some two
or three yrs ago.

I met Prof Gunning last
week at a meeting of Santa
Barbara Nat. Hist. Socy.
He made a few remarks - He
has been delivering lectures
on his favorite topics - Zoology
& the origin of man (!)
I did not hear any of them
as I am now 3 miles east
of S. B. - He is a Darwinian.
I think some man back to
the jolly first in as reported.

Remember me to Prof & Mr
Lane whenever you see them I
hope to see them in S. B. - Among the
State duties in visiting the cities &

Santa Barbara, April 29, '78.

My dear friend Muir,

Your letter of the 25th received tonight, and right gladly, for I had expected you were among earth's grandest and sublimest scenery, and I think aesthetics may be added too in glorious outlines and in microscopic life.

You will leave in a few weeks for Merced -- how long? or when will you be back in S. F. again? My sister has been very sick, or I would have been in S. F. before this. She is not well, although able to be up once more about her house. I know she is liable to be prostrated again, as she is not perfectly cured. I intend, Providence permitting, to be in Frisco in Sept. or Oct. if this sister should be well enough.

Have you published a book yet? I want to see you and have a good long talk with you. I am curious to know how the anti-glacier savants feel since the article on that subject in the Harpers(?) some two or more years ago.

I met Prof. Gunning last week at a meeting of [the] Santa Barbara Nat. Hist. Soc. He made a few remarks. He has been delivering lectures on his favorite topic -- Geology and the Origin of Man! I didn't hear any of them as I am some 3 miles east of S.B. He is a Darwinian, I think, and takes man back to the jelly fish, as reported.

Remember me to Prof. and Mrs. Carr whenever you see them. I hope to see them in S. B., among their state duties in visiting the cities.

May Heaven's best gifts be heaped upon you. [May] your life especially be protected from all harm in the midst of danger. All are in bed. I write hurriedly to send off early in the A.M.

Yours as ever truly,

N. D. Stebbins.